

RE: CASE 15900 RPT 15900

DOCUMENTS AS EVIDENCE THAT THE

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1130, May:  
DDIP has already  
received his copy of  
this which he  
requested [ ]

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IS SENSITIVE RPT SENSITIVE

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1. ON RECEIPT OF YOUR TELETYPE WA-7383 RPT WA-7383 I CALLED ON MR.

[ ] OF THE UNITED FRUIT COMPANY,

AND TOLD HIM OF OUR INTEREST IN INTERVIEWING PEREZ RPT PEREZ.

[ ] SAID THAT HE HAD ALREADY TALKED TO PEREZ AND RECOUNTED  
SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME INFORMATION CONTAINED IN YOUR TELETYPE. I EX-

PLAINED THAT WE SOUGHT ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND [ ] AGREED TO

ARRANGE FOR AN INTERVIEW WITH PEREZ IN HIS OFFICE.

THAT HE PERSONALLY DISAPPEARED OF THE FACT

2. WHEN PEREZ ARRIVED, SOME TWENTY MINUTES LATER, [ ]

TOLD HIM THAT I REPRESENTED THE US RPT US GOVERNMENT AND THAT I WAS  
INTERESTED IN OBTAINING ADDITIONAL DETAILS CONCERNING THE STORY WHICH  
PEREZ HAD ALREADY RELATED. PEREZ WAS ENTIRELY WILLING TO TALK AND  
EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE ON THE GROUND THAT THE  
INFORMATION WHICH HE HAD WOULD BE OF VALUE TO HIS EMPLOYER AND WOULD  
ALSO BE USEFUL IN THWARTING THE DESIGNS OF THE COMMUNIST ELEMENTS WHO  
WERE IN CONTROL IN GUATEMALA.

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3. WHILE MR. [ ] WAS TEMPORARILY ABSENT FROM THE OFFICE PEREZ SAID THAT THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PROSPECTIVE ARMS PLANTS HAD BEEN GIVEN TO HIM ON 21 MAY 54 RPT 21 MAY 54 BY A CAPTAIN FERNANDO CARRERA RPT CAPTAIN FERNANDO CARRERA, AN OFFICER IN THE INTELLIGENCE SECTION OF THE GUATEMALAN ARMY. THIS NAME HAS NOT BEEN DIVULGED BY PEREZ TO ANY UFCO RPT UFCO OFFICIAL. HE SAID THAT HE HAD BEFRIENDED CARRERA SEVERAL YEARS AGO BY LENDING HIM MONEY AND FINDING HIM CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT. AT THEIR MEETING LAST FRIDAY CARRERA EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR PAST FAVORS AND SAID HE HOPED THAT HE MIGHT REPAY THE OBLIGATION BY IMPARTING TO PEREZ INFORMATION WHICH WOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE VALUE TO THE UNITED FRUIT COMPANY AND WHICH MIGHT RESULT IN THE SAVING OF PEREZ' LIFE. CARRERA SAID THAT THE GUATEMALAN ARMY INTELLIGENCE SECTION HAD PREPARED SEVERAL WOODEN CASES CONTAINING RIFLES, AMMUNITION, AND ONE OR MORE UNASSEMBLED ARTILLERY PIECES, ALL OF US RPT US MANUFACTURE, HAD MARKED THE CASES "UNITED FRUIT COMPANY," AND HAD FORGED SHIPPING DOCUMENTS TO SHOW THAT THE CASES HAD BEEN IMPORTED INTO GUATEMALA OSTENSIBLY AS REPLACEMENT MACHINERY. THE CASES WERE TO BE BURIED IN AT LEAST TWO LOCALITIES ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE UNITED FRUIT COMPANY. SUBSEQUENTLY, WITH GREAT FANFARE, THE GUATEMALAN ARMY INTELLIGENCE SECTION WOULD DISCOVER THE CASES, WOULD CALL IN DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND WOULD PRESENT THE CASES AND SHIPPING DOCUMENTS AS EVIDENCE THAT THE UNITED FRUIT COMPANY WAS PLANNING THE OVERTHROW OF THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT. THIS WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY AN OFFICIAL DECLARATION THAT THE UNITED FRUIT COMPANY WAS ENGAGED IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AND, ULTIMATELY, BY THE COMPLETE CONFISCATION OF ALL OF THE COMPANY'S ASSETS IN GUATEMALA.

4. CARRERA SAID THAT PEREZ WAS SLATED TO BE THE CHIEF VILLAIN AS THE ALLEGED LIAISON MAN BETWEEN THE UNITED FRUIT COMPANY AND DISSIDENT ELEMENTS IN GUATEMALA AND THAT WHEN THE CASES OF ARMS WERE "DISCOVERED", PEREZ WOULD BE ARRESTED AND, MOST PROBABLY, EXECUTED. CARRERA SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY DISAPPROVED OF THE PLOT AGAINST THE UNITED FRUIT COM-

PANY AND OF A GREAT MANY OF THE ACTIONS OF THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT BUT THAT HE WAS IN THE MATTER SO DEEPLY THAT HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO EXTRICATE HIMSELF. HE BEGGED PEREZ TO LOOK AFTER HIS THREE SMALL CHILDREN, IN THE EVENT ANYTHING HAPPENED TO CARRERA, AND URGED THAT THEY BE PLACED IN THE CARE OF CARRERA'S SISTER, [

IS [

] WHOSE ADDRESS

] CARRERA SAID THAT HIS SISTER'S HUSBAND WAS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE FBI RPT FBI IN WASHINGTON.

5. CARRERA SAID THAT THE CHIEF CACHE OF ARMS WOULD BE MADE NEAR THE EAST COAST OF GUATEMALA AND ALSO NEAR THE HONDURAN BORDER. THE EXACT PLACE WHERE THE CACHE WOULD BE MADE WAS NOT APPARENTLY KNOWN TO CARRERA BUT HE GUESSED THAT IT WOULD BE IN THE VICINITY OF THE UNITED FRUIT COMPANY ABACA RPT ABACA FACTORY ON THE "CHINOOK RPT CHINOOK" PLANTATION. THAT FACTORY IS LOCATED ON THE NORTHERN BANK OF THE MOTAGUA RPT MOTAGUA RIVER ON A SPUR TRACK OF THE ENTRE RIOS RPT RIOS RAILROAD. THERE IS NO TOWN IN THE VICINITY. THE OTHER CACHE WILL BE MADE ON THE BANANA PLANTATIONS IN THE AREA BETWEEN MORALES RPT MORALES AND LOS AMATES RPT LOS AMATES. CARRERA WAS NOT SURE, BUT THOUGHT THAT THE MOST LIKELY PLACE FOR MAKING THE CACHE WOULD BE NEAR THE SMALL TOWN OF PLAYITAS RPT PLAYITAS, WHICH IS ON THE PAWNEE RPT PAWNEE PLANTATION AT THE POINT WHERE THE BOBOS RPT BOBOS RAILROAD CROSSES THE CHINAMITO RPT CHINAMITO RIVER. PEREZ SAID THAT ABOUT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY GUATEMALAN SOLDIERS ARE NOW EN-CAMPED IN THE VICINITY OF PLAYITAS RPT PLAYITAS OSTENSIBLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF GUARDING THE NEARBY BORDER.

6. PEREZ SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF THE CURRENT STRIKE, CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT SOUTHEASTERN GUATEMALA ARE IN A CHAOTIC CONDITION, THAT THE GUATEMALAN ARMY IS OPERATING THE INTERNATIONAL RAILWAYS AS WELL AS TRUCKS, AUTOMOBILES AND OTHER VEHICLES BELONGING TO THE UFCO RPT UFCO AND THAT UNDER COVER OF THE GENERAL CONFUSION AND BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF MOBILITY OF ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL OF THE UNITED FRUIT COMPANY, IT WOULD BE QUITE SIMPLE FOR THE GUATEMALAN ARMY TO BURY THE CACHES OF ARMS WITHOUT RUNNING MUCH CHANCE OF DETECTION. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IT WOULD BE EASILY POSSIBLE TO LOAD THE CASES INTENDED FOR CONCEALMENT ON THE ABACA FARMS ON BARGES AT PUERTO BARRIOS, TO BRING THEM THROUGH THE GULF OF HONDURAS AND UP THE RIO MOTAGUA RPT RIO MOTAGUA TO THE VICINITY OF THE ABACA FACTORY.

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9. BY TODAY'S POUCH I AM SENDING A PHOTOSTAT OF A MAP SHOWING THE VARIOUS PLANTATIONS OF THE UNITED FRUIT COMPANY IN SOUTHEASTERN GUATEMALA WHICH WILL BE OF SOME ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING THE AREAS WHERE THE CACHES ARE TO BE MADE.

SUFFERING FROM CANCER AND THAT HE REQUIRED MEDICAL TREATMENT IN THE US  
VRPT US. ON THE BASIS OF THAT CERTIFICATE PEREZ OBTAINED HA US RPT US  
VISA AND FLEW TO THE UNITED STATES BY TACA RPT TACA AIR LINES ON 25 MA  
54 RPT 25 MAY 54. HE EXPECTS TO REMAIN IN NEW ORLEANS INDEFINITELY.

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